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SUBJECT: IDF RETENTION NEGOTIATIONS, REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE

REF: STATE 165757

1. MISSION IS SENDING TEXT OF MILITARY COMMITTEE'S ASSESSMENT OF THE STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF ICELAND SEPTEL. THIS ASSESSMENT WAS DISTRIBUTED TO DELEGATIONS ON SEPTEMBER 7. DISTRIBUTION WAS FOLLOWED UP WITH A PO FROM SYG LUNS, TEXT OF WHICH FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES WILL RECALL THAT AT THE COUNCIL MEETING ON 25TH JUNE THIS YEAR THE GOVERNMENT OF ICELAND INVOKED ARTICLE VII OF THE DEFENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THEMSELVES AND THE UNITED STATES DATED 5TH MAY 1951. THIS CONSTITUTED A FORMAL REQUEST TO THE COUNCIL TO REVIEW THE CONTINUED NECESSITY FOR THE BASE FACILITIES IN ICELAND AND THEIR UTILIZATION AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE TWO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE AGREEMENT.

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AT A LATER MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON 5TH JULY THE MILITARY COMMITTEE WAS INVITED TO SUBMIT TO THE COUNCIL A COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION OF THE STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF ICELAND AT THE PRESENT TIME. THE MILITARY COMMITTEE MENORANDUM HAS NOW BEEN

CIRCULATED TO DELEGATIONS (1).

2. I PROPOSE TO PLACE THIS ITEM ON THE AGENDA OF THE COUNCIL SCHEDULED FOR THE 12TH SEPTEMBER, 1973 AT WHICH TIME WE SHALL NOTE THE MILITARY COMMITTEE'S APPRAISAL AND HAVE AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE MATTER. I AM HOPING THAT AS A RESULT OF THIS MEETING IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO PREPARE AND CIRCULATE A DRAFT TEXT OF A RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL BY THE COUNCIL.

3. I WOULD ADD IN THIS CONNECTION THAT THE MATTER HAS SOME DEGREE OF URGENCY AS THE UNITED STATES AND ICELANDIC AUTHORITIES WILL WANT TO HAVE THE COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION IN HAND PRIOR TO THE END OF THE MONTH WHEN THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES CONCERNED ARE DUE TO MEET IN WASHINGTON." END TEXT.

2. AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 12 NAC LISTS UNDER ITEM II CONSIDERATION OF THE ASSESSMENT AND NOTES THAT THIS WILL INCLUDE A BRIEFING BY ADMIRAL COUSINS, SACLAN. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST GUIDANCE BY OPENING OF BUSINESS SEPTEMBER 11 ON POINTS WHICH SHOULD BE MADE BY U.S. REPRESENTATIVE IN SUPPORT OF THE ASSESSMENT AND AS INPUT TO THE ARTICLE VII RESOLUTION WHICH WILL COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL AT A LATER DATE.
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